

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In the process of conversation it is seen that there was some misunderstanding between the Diwan and the Director of Public Instruction in relation to this matter.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No misunderstanding between us.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But you misunderstood each other.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot say that he misunderstood me. But I seem to have misunderstood him.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Where did the boys go after their dismissal?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—One to the Paliam School, Chennamangalam, and the other to Peringottukara.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many days ago?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Nearly a month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there any delay in giving them transfer certificates?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No transfer certificate was issued.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Because they were dismissed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there a formal request from the guardians for the transfer certificates?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the action taken by the management on the petition?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The petition here alleges that the Manager promised to withdraw his order of dismissal and that he will issue the transfer certificates, but later on—so the petition says—I have not enquired—the Manager said that the boys were dismissed and there is no reason why transfer certificates should be issued to them.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the inquiry is complete?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not made any inquiry.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they not students of the VI Form?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The Director said that he has power to withdraw recognition. May I know whether it is under the provisions of the Code?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Which section, please?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it is under Article 14 of the Code?

The basis for increasing demand for fresh schools.

318. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to paragraph 4 of the Report of the Educational Survey, will the Government

be pleased to state what, according to them, was the basis on which "the hourly increasing demand for fresh schools" was made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The demand was made for reasons other than the educational requirements of a neighbourhood, such as the satisfaction of personal vanity, the wish to become influential with the local public, the anxiety to provide employment for relations and dependents, etc.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In view of the answer given here, will the Government be pleased to state whether the 16 applications made in 1906 for opening new schools and mentioned in para 4 of the report, were made on the grounds alleged in this answer, namely, 'the satisfaction of personal vanity, the wish to become influential with the local public, the anxiety to provide employment for relations and dependents, etc.?'

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That answer does not pretend to be an exhaustive list of human motives. Some schools which were asked for were allowed to be started. All these 16 were not disallowed.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Was there any application of the 16 which was made on the grounds alleged in the answer?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly, otherwise recognition would have been given.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to mention one or two such applications which were made on these grounds?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got a list of all those persons who applied. In the second place, I have to inquire into the circumstances and find out whether the application was made on the ground of personal vanity or whether he had at that time relations to be appointed, etc. The Inspecting officers must have made it clear before they made a report. I cannot recollect all the circumstances now. I shall certainly make a search into these if the Hon'ble Member wants the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—When the Hon'ble Member made this answer there must have been certain schools in his mind. Let us know one or two of the lot.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't like to make mention of the names of persons who made the applications.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—But is it worthwhile to make such scathing wholesale remark without knowing the persons?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not a scathing remark.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I would like to get a few instances.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The instances are individual human beings. I have no business to make disparaging remarks about them here. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—But we are making so many observations connected with definite persons in a previous question. Is the Government not in a position to give us one or two instances of such applications which were made on the grounds alleged here?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not the question of Government not being in a position. The position of Government is such that they cannot make personal reflections.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Does not the Government think that the divulging of names is more or less a delicate matter offending against official etiquette regarding confidential files?

Mr. George Chakymuri.—Is that answering a question, or putting a supplementary question?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That was the reason why I refused to divulge the names.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Was there any real need for the new schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That again is answered. If there was need, Government would have sanctioned the opening of new schools.

Mr. A. Eachira Menon.—Do the Government think that schools are also started on a commercial basis?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not made an exhaustive study of all human motives which apply in asking for a boon. There are so many points. It is not possible to make an exhaustive list of the motives. I suggested some which have come to my notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know how many of these petitions were made on such grounds, without mentioning names?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Those schools which were not allowed to be opened.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—And how many were they?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government noted down these grounds in the petitions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No public servant would make such a record.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Were the petitions rejected without assigning any reason?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The reason that is given is not a positive one, but a negative one. I simply said there is no educational requirement, or no need for a school.

Mr Paul Mampilli.—Is there any record to show that these were the reasons which influenced the Government in rejecting these applications?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In many cases I have records.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Records of what nature? Is it in the nature of reports from the Inspectors?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not always. Some are confidential demi-official letters. They have also the same delicacy like me.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Letters from whom?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Letters from officers who make the inquiry, whether there is any necessity for the schools;

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Para (4) of the Report. In view of that statement, do the Government still maintain that, in general the demand for fresh schools is made on such and such grounds as are alleged here?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In many cases requests for schools which are found to be unnecessary are made because of these motives.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In the majority of the cases are they so?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Were they from individuals or institutions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice, but I think the majority are from individuals.

Principle of seniority among District Registrars.

319. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the principle of seniority followed in making confirmations in the Registrars' line prior to 18th Vrischigam 1108;

(b) in particular, what was the principle followed in confirming Messrs. P. Krishna Menon and Isaac Mathai in preference to Messrs. A. Krishna Menon and Mohamed, who had more service;

(c) earlier still what was the principle followed in settling the question of seniority between Messrs. M. H. Krishna Ayyar and Paily;

(d) has there been any change of the principle followed in the above cases, in making the confirmations of Messrs. N. Ramankutty and K. Kuruvilla;

(e) if so, what was the reason for the change?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Qualification and longer continuous acting service as District Registrar.